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PRAY, WHY NOT "FOR PLEASURE"?

HAT Americans "go to concerts for pleasure rather than for study" is no reason why Josef Hoffman, the pianist, should become politely end about us or worry about the stagnation of our musical taste.

Our love of music for the pleasure there is in it does not cause me the least disquiet. We hope to see it increase rather than diminish. Incidentally, if we took to studying concerts instead of enjoying

them we wonder what would become of the procession of talented performers who have been turning their backs on Europe and playing to ten thousand dollar audiences of "mere American music-lovers" ever since we first beheld this same gifted Mr. Hoffman a little dimpled boy perched en a piano steel in Breeklyn.

We admit we like to enjoy our music.

We admit we like programmes that give us the immortal freshness and life of music, rather than its dry bones and erudition.

We admit also that we do not like to have even a Paderowski af-Protedly keep us waiting for an hour before he begins a concert.

What we like in music is not pose, eccentricity or parade of learning, but frankly-pleasure. And when we find it our response is more quick, more genuine, more generous than that of any people

The joint report of the several New England State Publie Service Commissions on the financial troubles of the Boston and Maine asserts that on the present showing the road will be \$2,000,000 short of its fixed charges in 1914. Incidentally the read is carrying \$27,000,000 of short term notes bearing 71-3 per cont. Interest, \$30,000,000 of which was eyent for stocks in other things "not now valuable." The interest en \$27,000,000 at 71-3 per cent. in \$2,025,000 per amnum!

AN ITEM TO GRACE THE RECORDS.

NEW forty-five dollar fire-alarm box, eighty dollars cheaper and in every way better and more economical than the eldstyle box, becomes the property of the city.

The two experts of the Fire-Alarm Telegraph Bureau who have werked two years to perfect the invention, now turn it ever to New York without royalty, in order that no private company may over get possession of it and so morease its cost.

On the 15,000 new boxes which must be installed in the next five years the saving to the city will amount to \$1,300,000.

It is a fine thing to get held of a simplified alarm box which will de away with an immense amount of costly wiring and repair. It is finer still to know that there are clever men in the city departments who are willing to give their best brain and affort to the service with no thought of holding the city up for the valuable results of their labors.

New York will be proud of its new fire alarm box and even prouder to owe it to the skill and loyalty of its own experts instead of having to buy it from outsiders.

One William Sulser, New York's fermer Governor ence removed, who is said to have been booked for a hundred leetures at \$1,000 per, has met small audiences and scant onm and is now boaded for home. A martyr ought to stick around until his wrongs are strong enough to travel.

THE MARCH OF CIVILIZATION.

PETREET PAVING is a fair measure of civilization, the people of Queens have a chance to show how enlightened they are.

Borough President Connolly has directed that in petitioning for the improvement of streets, property owners in Queens can say "I haven't any unmarried friends," restled Mr. Jarr. "Tou chased 'em all off pears and pears ago." ambalt or asphalt blocks on a solid concrete foundation may be stip-

have at my house to meet two nice piris," retorted Mrs. Jaer acidly. "You were speaking of Mr, Johnston, the easiler down at your office"— Formerly residents of Queens were forced into periodic fights seting them thousands of dollars because every new and then some hvored contractor would start to put down a pavement that everybody could see was worthless.

Thanks to Borough President McAneny, Manhattan has learned e good deal about paving material and contractors in the last four years, and is in a position to give even the State points on getting ambalt that is neither bought with graft, mixed with graft, nor laid on a foundation of graft.

If Queens is not too proud it will take a tip or two from over

Seventy-eight years ago to-day a fire broke out in this only which swept the lower cast side, wiped out the stocks of sta hundred merchants and destroyed twenty million deflered

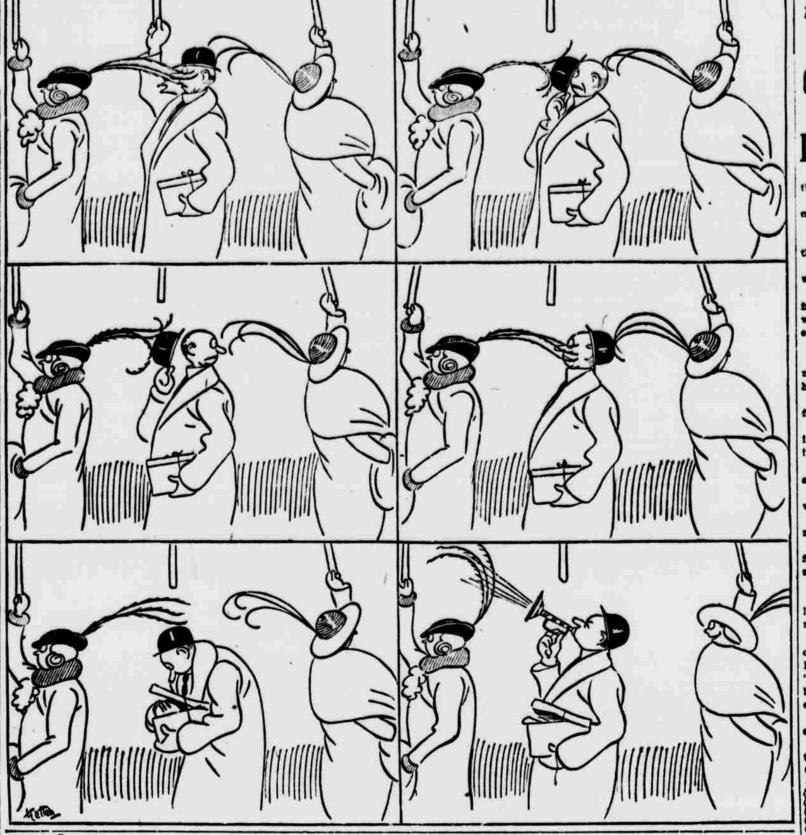
Letters From the People

Chauffours' Side of the Case. With all the bue and ory about reck-

there are fewer accidents than in this ture never moves fast enough to catch oity. In London an unlighted vehicle up with it.—Albany Evening Journal. With all the hue and ory about reckbuss chauffeurs the verdict is: The only
good chauffeurs is the one in jail. The
average chauffeur is not careless; it is
due to his extreme carefulness and
watchfulness (every moment he is driving) sione that the public do not suffer
gloom. We admit there are many recknore for their own unreasonable care- less drivers of automobiles, and we much drunkenness as there is in any lesseness. They come from the ourb in would be as giad as the public to other city in the country, but there are all ways sideways, backward, reading eliminate them. Why not start at the extenuating discumstances to account newspapers, tying shoe laces and from source, vis., the License Bureau! Why schind reagons and trolleys without res- give to any and every headlum who get at times that he is in Pittsburgh. sen or regulation. They get half way can write his name or drive a car write his name or drive a car which are and turn back. The children (truly the menarche of our streets and the license tag without examining his reconstant dread and care of the chaufful of the street, and trustworthines? I would it not be a man know about a woman, argues Jerome, the more wisdows the first head of the chaufful of the middle of the chaufful of the middle of the chaufful of headlessty in the middle of Would it not be a good plan to make Appeal. We chauffeurs are blamed the present motorcycle police patrol the for wint is due to our system of streets or stand in the street to pre
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Why Not?

By Maurice Ketten



Pho ******************************* Mrs. Jarr Makes Vast Preparations

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Che New York Breated World).

triends to come up to the bouse," said

THOSE kinds of friends I would not

"Vohnson's engaged," interrupted Mr. Jarr. "He's got a girl in the Bronx he's

"We have nothing to do with his being engaged," interrupted Mrs. Jart, "Sure-ly you do not think Irone Cachiobarry

d Chadys Cackleberry are over from "Medelphie hunting husbands!"

"I'm not going to be jackal-general for the Cackieberry girls," growled Mr. Jarr. "I don't like 'em. I think

they are lasy, solfish, fresh, forward,

Hits From Sharp Wits.

Some genius might confer a bless ing upon mankind by inventing for

rietmas uses a rubadubless drum-

Spuge and Percege sound well to-

Sometimes a man with a great fu-

Bight buckwheat cakes is a good for Monday morning.-Toledo

It is estimated that in Pittsburgh

there is five and one-half times as

Chicago News.

and tange teas"-

TOW that the Caekieberry girls or visiting us you should get

dowdles, if that's what you mean," interposed Mrs. Jarr. And then she added: "Good gracious! Do you think I
want them here? If they get a husband or if they get husbands, I should er, are they?" Mrs. Jarr answered.

To Take Two of Her Enemies Happy ******************************

Great Masterpieces of Art

18-DON BALTHAZAR CARLOS, by Velasquez. At the Prode Museum, Madrid.



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By Randolph Colclough Wilson. HE really great pictures of child-hood are very few indeed, and one hand. Three stand out above all famous equestrian portrait of him there affair. Would be come if we HAD others—Baby Stuart, by Van Dyke, The hange on the walls of the Prado a per-have another young man?"

Age of Innocence, by Reynolds, and trait of little Mariana of Austria, a "No," said Mr. Jarr. "He doesn't

Don Carlos was the son of King Philip IV. and Queen Isabella of Spain, and was just seven when Velesques, the court painter, painted this picture of him in 1886. Don Carlos never hood are very few indeed, and reached the throne; he died at the age may be counted on the fingers of of seventeen. Not very far from this

as you have yours. Don't you have to and a tot of the prophets—some scien-

in their town arel Why, they tell me the equator. January is about the See adolphia sees a girl on a street car he know that?) But to get back to the of 1913-1914 will be exceptionally long hangs on the back platform till she's kinds of weather the sharps are premispaid her fare and then comes in and ing us for early 1914;

made desirable matches meeting fellow travellers abroad or on steamers than they'd ever get at home."
"Well, I'm not going rounding up prospects for the Oschleberry girls," grumbled Mr. Jarr.

"I think, too, they might have waited "I think, too, they might have waited till my-Christmas shopping was over," whimpered Mrs. Jarn. "Bills, you never can tell when you may need people. So we'll have to be nice to them. I suppose they will stay till after New Year's. We'll have to look around and pose they will stay till after New Year's. We'll have to took around and find out if any liberal people would like to take nice poung girls along—for outainly we haven't the money to pay for a New Year's Eve affair."

"The only bachelor I knew is Jack Silver, and I think he's out of town."

Silver, and I think he's out of town."

"The eary backeter I knew to Jack Silver, and I think he's out of town," "He'd be the very enel Let us invite him to go out with us New Year's, if he'll be back by that time!" orted Mra. Jarn, "He's got bots of money and elways wants to pay for everything "And Dr. Gumm, the young dentist, and Michael Auguse Dinkston," Mr. Jarr added.

"And Dr. Gumm, the young dentist, and Michael Argue Dinkston," Mr. Jarr added.

"Dr. Gumm looks very professional. He has a drass suit, a Van Dyke beard and an engraved card. So he's a person one can be proud of knowing. I've heard he's been invited to some of the big society dinners in New York time and time again; begged to some over the telephone.

"When some of the leading wealthy guaranthy semen!" state of the complete of the providers of the leading wealthy semen in an instead with was the providers of the leading wealthy semen in the complete of the leading wealthy semen."

the telephone.

"When some of the leading wealthy people of New York have discovered they have thirteen to dinner then they nut on an extra chair and 'phone for Dr. Gumm. That's how some of our young cotillon leaders first get into society and may marry well if they play their cards as they should.— But the Michael Angele Dinkston, I'm duthat Michael Angele Dinkston, Pm du-blous about him for a New Tear's Bre

Sayings of BEING TH SEVEN HUNDREDTH WIFE TRANSLATED Copyright, 1918, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York Brending World).

EARKEN, my Daughters, unto the Christmas Litary of a SPUG, which she chanteth in the hour of her discontent and the season of

Oh, angels and ministers of grace, I beseech thee, deliver me from them that would persecute and destroy me! From mine own folly set me free. From the buying of JUNK and the scattering of my shekels, oh, stay me: from the lure of the SHOPS protect me!

For I am weak and they are TOO much for me! Let not mine eyes look upon the advertisements, for I cannot withstand

Lo, I have all those things which I want. But I am a Woman-and I

From my friends and mine enemies, from my relatives and my relatives in-LAW, from all maid-corvants and mem-corvants and waiters and headwaiters and janitors and butchers and bakers and bootblacks and beliboys, oh, set me free!

For lo, they smile upon me NOW with grafty smiles! From the holly wherewith mine house shall be littered and the Christmas tree that sheddeth, from the foolish kiss beneath the mistletee and the

headache of the morning after, oh, spare me! From over-EATING upon the Day of Days, I beseech thee, stay me; from the refilling of my wine-glass protect mel

For the indigestion of January is not as the revelry of December, yet it followeth as the night the day; as the quarrel followeth the honeymoon it cometh on apace.

From the UNEXPECTED gift, which covereth me with humiliation and confusion, now deliver me.

From the writing of notes of "thanks" and the "gushing" over offerings which are an abomination of mine eyes, oh, spare me! For the harmless, necessary LIE sticketh in my threat, and I have

never taken a diplome in a school of acting. Yet must I go about giving away things which I WANT in exchange for things which I do NOT want and appear to be covered with asteniel-

ment and gratitude. From the buying of gifts for a MAN, oh, set me free! For every man hath made graven images of those things which he

liketh, and he slone knoweth WHAT these are. And I am NOT a mind-From pumpkin ple, from cold-storage turkey, from objets d'art, from cheap handkerchiefs, from gaudy pillow covers, from passe-partouts, from

hair-receivers, from tidies, from lamp-mats, from Dutch postcards, from "instructive" books, from Henry Van Dyke mottoes, from bed-slippers, from books of wit and humor, from copies of the Rubaiyat and from carol singers now defend me!

For, behold, I would make of Christmas a SACRAMENT, and why shall I offer myself up as a SACRIFICE?

Let the foulish rejoice in their folly. But, as for MB, I shall hate them that persecute me and revile them that love me TOO MUCH upon Christmas Day. Selah!

Real Winter Hasn't Yet Begun; But Here Are Its Prophecies

CCORDING to the calendar, winter son in the eastern part of the A won't begin until next week tinent."

According to the calendar, we He considers that it have feen in autumn ever since the vere and stormy winter, much more so

me just matiem barometer and oldest inhabitant "Besides, if you hear those poor stris talk of how worthless the roung men here, is the summer solutios, south of rounding powers, and a

September equinox. And for once the calendar and the weather have for the most part been in accord.

The first indicate the calendar and the weather have for the general aspect of the heavens at this time is disorderly and afflicted.

ings of the older auto contribute to dinners and loving cups tiffs, some frankly sign-readers have impaired public health, financial different of thing?

paid her fare and then comes in and says. Helle, I didn't see you on the car! Here, conductes, give the lady a transfer!"

"I'm't that what the Terwitiger girl says about the young men of Harisen." My Jarr inquired.

"Well it's this way," explained Mra.

Jarr. "If you'll notice, a girl can ge from one town to another and get engaged right away, while she might stay in her own town and never get an offer. That's why parents try to send their girls abread. More girls have made destrable matches meeting fellow travellers abroad or on steamers than

The Day's Good Stories

term.
"Why, what's the metter?" arted Mr. Culion.
"He just wis me," said the old lady, "that he's done been sent to the Legislature. I don't know for what or for how long, but I years Ged they'll be oney on him."—The Popular Mispanies.

Willie's Reason.

Boys Will Be Boys.

SENATOR CULLOM of Minche gate a good lamps out of the stary he talls about as old lamp out of the stary he talls about as old lawy who, although due to a resident of his "" A follow from the other end of the line fant

Suspicions Confirmed. FITTLE LAURA was so guist out in the lateness that her mother suspected the shild of some mirehief.

"What are you doing, dearie?" the mother

alled.
"Nullib," Louis answered,
"But you must be doing semething."
"No, I len't,"
"Are you sure?"
"Wall, I ten't doin' much."
"Fell me this instead what you are doing or mannes will have to come with the habitrush."
After a measure's alleste the little one to-

darjorie's looking glass,"-Youngstown Teleg

What Spider Indicated.

W HEN Mork Twain, in his early days, was solver of a Missouri paper, a supersities subscriber wrote to the explant that he had found a spider in his paper and sabing him whether this was a sign of good look or had. The immeries wrote him this and upfield it:

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